

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The indication that claims 17-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is acknowledged with appreciation. Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 15-16. Claim 18 depends from claim 17 and should be allowable because it merely constitutes further limitations to an allowable claim. Thus, claims 17-18 should be allowable.

According to the Webster's Third New International Dictionary, the spelling of "diffusor" is the alternate spelling for the word "diffuser" (dictionary excerpt attached).

Claim 28 is based on canceled claim 21 and is directed to the elected embodiment of Figures 1 and 2, but should also cover the non-elected embodiment of Figure 5. Claim 28 includes the limitation that the single movable adjustment element 24 engages the first and second coupling elements 16 and 18 simultaneously to move the first and second coupling elements. Thus, only a single movable adjustment element is necessary to adjust the orientation of the vanes relative to the housing as described in the specification (see last paragraph of page 3 to second paragraph of page 4).

The patent to Sakai does not disclose a diffuser having a single adjustment element engaging two different coupling elements to move the two different coupling elements. The

patent to Sakai shows a crank mechanism including a disk 22 to swing the fins 2 in addition to lever 11 on the other side of the fins 2. Thus, claim 28 should also be allowable.

Claims 29-34 correspond to canceled claims 23-27. Claims 29-34 depend from claim 28 and define over the prior art for the same reasons as claim 28 and for the specific limitations recited therein.

Regarding claim 29, none of the prior art, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest that in the housing a second sliding guide is provided in which the second coupling element is supported and including all the limitations of claim 28. Thus, claim 29 should be allowable. .

Regarding claim 30, none of the prior art, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest that the second sliding guide is aligned approximately perpendicular to the first sliding guide and including all the limitations of claim 28. Thus, claim 30 should be allowable.

Regarding claim 31, none of the prior art, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest that the vanes have front and rear areas at which they are connected with the coupling elements and including all the limitations of claim 28. Thus, claim 31 should be allowable.

Regarding claim 32, none of the prior art, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest that the second swiveling axis is supported in a sliding guide in the housing and including all the limitations of claim 28. Thus, claim 32 should be allowable.

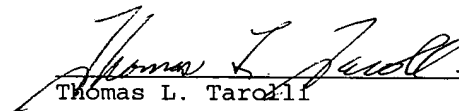
Regarding claim 33, none of the prior art, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest that the sliding guide of the second swiveling axis is aligned approximately perpendicular to the sliding guide of the first coupling element and including all the limitations of claim 28. Thus, claim 33 should be allowable.

Regarding claim 34, none of the prior art, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest that the adjustment element is an adjustment knob mounted on one of the vanes and including all the limitations of claim 28. Thus, claim 34 should be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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diagrammatic figure of digestive organs of man, as seen from the front: a esophagus; b cardiac end of stomach; c pyloric end of stomach; d duodenum; e convolutions of small intestine; g cecum; g' vermiform appendix; h ascending colon; i transverse colon; k descending colon; l sigmoid flexure; m rectum; n anus; o lobes of liver; raised and turned back; p hepatic duct; q cystic duct; r gallbladder; s common bile duct; t pancreas; u pancreatic duct, entering the duodenum with the common bile duct.